



# Australian Government

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## Civil Aviation Safety Authority

Instrument number CASA EX80/24

I, RUSSELL PETER DYER, Acting Executive Manager, Regulatory Oversight, a delegate of CASA, make this instrument under regulations 11.160 and 11.205 of the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998*.

**[Signed R. Dyer]**

Russell Dyer

Acting Executive Manager, Regulatory Oversight

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### **CASA EX80/24 — Flight Testing of Certain Remotely Piloted Aircraft (Seppo Aukusti Saario) Exemption 2024**

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#### **1 Name**

This instrument is *CASA EX80/24 — Flight Testing of Certain Remotely Piloted Aircraft (Seppo Aukusti Saario) Exemption 2024*.

#### **2 Definitions**

*Note* In this instrument, certain terms and expressions have the same meaning as they have in the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* and the regulations. These include: **experimental certificate**, **remote pilot licence** and **RPA**.

In this instrument:

**Autoflight** means Autoflight Pty Ltd, ARN 1044816.

**relevant Autoflight RPA** means a large multi-rotor RPA AF230 or AF380 operated by Autoflight.

**Seppo Aukusti Saario** means Seppo Aukusti Saario, ARN 431946.

#### **3 Exemptions — remote pilot in command**

- (1) Seppo Aukusti Saario is exempt from compliance with the following requirements while operating the relevant Autoflight RPA in the course of operations conducted by Autoflight for the purpose of research and development involving testing new aircraft design concepts:
  - (a) the requirement under subregulation 101.252(2) of CASR to hold a remote pilot licence that authorises Seppo Aukusti Saario to operate the relevant Autoflight RPA;
  - (b) the requirement under subregulation 101.252(3) of CASR to produce, for inspection by a person mentioned in paragraph 101.252(3)(b) of CASR, a remote pilot licence that authorises Seppo Aukusti Saario to operate the relevant Autoflight RPA.

- (2) The exemptions in subsection (1) are subject to complying with the conditions mentioned in section 4.

#### **4 Conditions — remote pilot in command**

Seppo Aukusti Saario must ensure that, while operating a relevant Autoflight RPA in the course of operations conducted by Autoflight for the purpose of research and develop involving testing new aircraft design concepts:

- (a) an experimental certificate issued by CASA to Autoflight for that relevant Autoflight aircraft and that purpose is in force; and
- (b) that experimental certificate is available to Seppo Aukusti Saario during the operations.

*Note* An experimental certificate issued by CASA for an RPA may be granted subject to conditions or requirements, including conditions limiting the area within which the RPA may be flown or specifying the maximum height that may be reached by the RPA during a relevant operation. Under regulation 11.077 of CASR, it is an offence for a person who holds an experimental certificate to contravene such a condition.

#### **5 Repeal**

This instrument is repealed at the end of 31 January 2026.

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